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SUBJ: 30TH UNGA SECOND COMMITTEE--ITEM 59 ENVIRONMENT--

LIBYAN RESOLUTION

1. PARA 4 THIS MSG IS TEXT OF DRAFT LIBYAN RES WHICH
INTER ALIA CALLS UPON INVOLVED STATES TO MAKE AVAILABLE
INFORMATION ON AREAS WHERE, AS RESULT OF MILITARY OPERATIONS,
MINES WERE PLACED; CALLS UPON INVOLVED STATES TO PROVIDE
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE REMOVAL OF MINES; AND REQUESTS
UNEP TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF THE PROBLEM OF MATERIAL REMNANTS
OF WARS AND THEIR EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

2. USUN IN NO POSITION TO COMMENT ON SERIOUSNESS OF
SITUATION ADDRESSED BY LIBYAN RES. HOWEVER, AT LEAST
ONE PREAMBULAR PARA AND ONE OPERATIVE PARA ARE IN OUR
JUDGMENT UNACCEPTABLE. PREAMBULAR PARA IN QUESTION
IS PARA 5 WHICH RECOGNIZES THAT MOST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO FOREIGN OCCUPATION AND EXPOSED TO
WARS WAGED BY CERTAIN DEVELOPED STATES. OPERATIVE PARA IN
QUESTION IS PARA 2 WHICH CONDEMNS THE COLONIALIST POWERS
WHICH HAVE NEGLECTED TO REMOVE THE MATERIAL REMNANTS
OF WARS.

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3. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON HANDLING OF
LIBYAN RES.

4. TEXT FOLLOWS:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING PRINCIPLES 24, 36, 37, 74, 85 AND 102 OF THE
DECLARATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE HUMAN
ENVIRONMENT HELD AT STOCKHOLM FROM 5 TO 16 JUNE 1972,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS 2995(XXVII), 2996(XXVII) AND 2997
(XXVII) CONCERNING COOPERATION BETWEEN STATES IN THE FIELD OF THE
ENVIRONMENT, INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF STATES IN REGARD
TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GOVERNING
COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 3336(XXIX), PARTICULARLY PARAGRAPH
4 THEREOF,

NOTING RESOLUTION IV OF THE CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS
OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES HELD AT LIMA (PERU) FROM 25
TO 30 AUGUST 1975 CONDEMNING THE COLONIALIST POWERS AND/
OR AGGRESSORS THAT HAVE NEGLECTED TO REMOVE THE MATERIAL
REMNANTS OF WARS AND ACTS OF AGGRESSION, SUCH AS MINES,
AND DEMANDING THAT THEY SHOULD REMOVE SUCH MATERIAL REMNANTS
OF THEIR ACTS, INDICATE THEIR WHEREABOUTS AND PROVIDE
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THEIR REMOVAL,

RECOGNIZING THAT MOST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN
SUBJECTED TO FOREIGN OCCUPATION AND EXPOSED TO WARS
WAGED BY CERTAIN DEVELOPED STATES, THUS INCURRING TREMENDOUS
LOSSES OF LIVES AND PROPERTY,

EMPHASIZING THAT IT IS THE DUTY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
TO TAKE ADEQUATE MEASURES TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE THE
ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING, IN PARTICULAR, THE CONTINUATION AND
STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD,

1. RECOGNIZES THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN DEVELOPING
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COUNTRIES HAS BEEN IMPEDED BY THE CONTINUED PRESENCE IN
THEIR TERRITORIES OF MATERIAL REMNANTS OF THOSE WARS,
PARTICULARLY MINES;

2. CONDEMNS THE COLONIALIST POWERS WHICH HAVE NEGLECTED
TO REMOVE THOSE MATERIAL REMNANTS OF SUCH WARS, PARTICULARLY
MINES;

3. CALLS UPON THOSE STATES WHICH TOOK PART IN THOSE WARS
TO MAKE AVAILABLE FORTHWITH TO THE AFFECTED STATES ALL
INFORMATION ON THE AREAS IN WHICH SUCH MINES WERE PLACED,
INCLUDING MAPS INDICATING THE POSITION OF THOSE AREAS,
AND ON THE TYPES OF MINES;

4. CALLS UPON THOSE STATES WHICH CREATED THIS SITUATION
TO TAKE SPEEDY MEASURES TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
FOR THE REMOVAL OF SUCH MINES;

5. REQUESTS THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS
ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF THE PROBLEM
OF THE MATERIAL REMNANTS OF WARS, PARTICULARLY MINES, AND
THEIR EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, AND TO SUBMIT A REPORT
ON THE SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST
SESSION;

6. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO
SUBMIT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION
A REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION. END TEXT
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